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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the Executive Office of the President a committee to be known as the President's Committee on Information Activities of the Federal Government which shall be composed of a Chairman and such other members as shall be designated by the President.

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SECTION 2. The Committee is authorized and directed to make a survey and evaluation of the information activities and policies of the United States Government with particular reference to international relations and foreign policy of this country and shall make recommendations to the President for such legislative, administrative, or other action as in its opinion may be desirable in the interest of the national security and the international responsibilities of this country.

SECTION 3. In performing its functions under this order, the Committee may prescribe such rules of procedure, and may hold such hearings, public or otherwise, and hear such witnesses as it may deem appropriate.

SECTION 4. All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government are authorized (and directed) to cooperate with the Committee in its work and to furnish the Committee such assistance not inconsistent with

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law as it may require in the performance of its functions. This assistance may include among others the detailing of personnel of the various executive departments and agencies and the furnishing of facilities by them on a non-reimbursable basis. Specifically, all such executive departments and agencies are authorized and directed to furnish such information reports and documents as the Committee shall require *deems essential* regardless of classification or administrative restrictions on dissemination. The Committee shall be responsible for safeguarding official information reports and documents in accordance with the regulations established under Executive Order 10290 or such other higher standards as may be established by appropriate authority.

SECTION 5. The expenditures of the Committee shall be paid out of an allotment made by the President from the appropriation entitled "Emergency Fund for the President--National Defense" in Title I of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1953 (Public Law 455, 82nd Congress), approved July 5, 1952. Such payments shall be made without regard to the provisions of (a) section 3681 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 672), (b) section 9 of the Act of March 4, 1909, 35 Stat. 1027 (31 U.S.C. 673), and (c) such other laws as the President may hereafter specify. The members of the Committee shall receive such compensation and expense allowances, payable out of the said allotment, as the President shall hereafter fix, except that no compensation shall be so fixed with respect to any person while receiving other compensation from the United States.

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SECTION 6. The Committee shall make a final written report to the President not later than May 31, 1953 including its recommendations for legislative, administrative or other action. The Committee may also make such earlier reports to the President as it may deem appropriate. The Committee shall cease to exist thirty days after rendition of its final report to the President.

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